

[Translation]

Repair of Jaipur-Jhalwar Section of National Highway No.8

6086. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jaipur and Jhalwar section of National Highway No.8 is in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the amount spent on repair of this highways during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to keep the road traffic worthy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. (Jaipur-Jhalwar Section falls on NH. No.12 and not on NH 8.)

(b) and (c). An expenditure amounting to Rs. 412.00 lakhs has been incurred on maintenance & repairs of Jaipur-Jhalwar Section of National Highway No. 12 during the last three years. Maintenance and repairs of National Highways is a continuous process and all steps are taken to keep the road a traffic worthy condition.

Writ Petitions

6087. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND

COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of writ petitions filed in the Supreme Court of various High Court under Articles 32, 226 and 227 of the Constitution during the last three years;

(b) whether most of the citizens utilise the aforesaid Articles instead of using the facilities of Administrative and other agencies which has resulted in the increase in number of cases in the courts; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to amend the powers of these writ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The available information in respect of 14 High Courts is furnished in the attached Statement. Similar information in respect of Supreme Court and the four remaining High Courts is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) No such information is available with the Government. It may pertinently be pointed out that admission of writ petitions is a matter for decision by the Superior Courts themselves who take into account all relevant aspects such as whether the applicant has availed of other available administrative remedies, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

STATEMENT

<i>Name of the High Court</i>	<i>Total No. of writ petitions filed under Article 226 & 227 of the Constitution during the last 3 years (1989-1991)</i>
Andhra Pradesh	53704
Bombay	56469

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Delhi	15259
Gauhati	14187
Gujarat	27437
Himachal Pradesh	2256
Karnataka	79588
Kerala	36404
Orissa	6860
Paina	36184
Punjab & Haryana High Court	61185
Sikkim	58
Madhya Pradesh	25608

[English]

Import of Rubber

6088. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and quality of rubber imported during each of the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to ensure that such imported rubber is of the same quality as the natural rubber available in the country;

(c) whether the imported rubber is not a fit substitute of natural rubber available in the

country;

(d) if so, to what use such rubber is put to;

(e) whether the Government propose to restrict such imports, and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The quantity and quality of rubber imported by STC during the last three years was as under: